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I have been continually amazed at the amount of public funds being wasted to bring down a company that has helped spur the economy and growth of our nation as much or more than any other in the last three decades. Software is a fluid product. Being a developer, I can tell you that there is no monopoly to be had in software. A new stab at a product is always just around the corner and even a large successful company like Microsoft could easily miss being the one to bring such innovation to market. It has happened before, and will likely happen again. IBM had a firm lock on the computer industry and, in fact, seeing the opportunities for profit was among the first in the PC market. They blew it. IBM. They lost to an upstart company (Microsoft). This is the way of this business. Old anti-trust arguments do not so easily apply.

I say get this whole business behind us and stop spending public money to damage our market place.

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